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SUBJECT: AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL PARK IN ISRAEL

REFTEL: STATE 136661, TEL AVIV 3679

FOR CHARGE

1. SUMMARY. WARNER UNABLE TO MAKE EARLY VISIT TO ISRAEL BUT IS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE FOR VISIT PROVIDED IT IS UNDER OFFICIAL US-ISRAELI GOVERNMENT BICENTENNIAL AUSPICES AND NOT IN RESPONSE TO PARTICULAR INVITATION FROM PRIVATE GROUP SUCH AS JNF. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR SUITABLE WARNER VISIT IN FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TEL AVIV REFTEL BUT ARBA ADMINISTRATOR JOHN WARNER HAS BEEN TRAVELLING OUTSIDE

WASHINGTON. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND FOLLOWING INCORPORATES HIS VIEWS.

3. FIRST, WARNER IS UNABLE TO MAKE EARLY VISIT TO ISRAEL DUE TO NEW DEMANDS ON HIS SCHEDULE AND THEREFORE MUST
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REGRET YOUR KIND SUGGESTION TO TIE VISIT TO JULY 2 CERE-

MONY FOR LIBERTY PARK. JNF WAS INFORMED THAT WARNER WAS
UNABLE TO MAKE JUNE 21 INVITATION.

4. SECOND, STATE, NSC AND WARNER ALL AGREE WITH YOU THAT ANY SUCH VISIT SHOULD BE UNDER OFFICIAL US-ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AUSPICES FOR BICENTENNIAL PURPOSES AND NOT IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC INVITATION FROM A PRIVATE GROUP SUCH AS THE JNF. HOWEVER, SUCH VISIT COULD INCLUDE STOP AT JNF-SPONSORED PARK AND JNF WOULD BE INFORMED OF PROPOSED TRIP. FOR PRESENT TIME, ARBA IS INFORMING JNF THAT WARNER IS UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP IF PROPOSED BUT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TRIP IN OFFICIAL REPEAT OFFICIAL CONTEXT AT SOME FUTURE POINT AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP THEM INFORMED IN EVENT THEY WISH HIM TO INCLUDE PARK. WARNER WOULD WORK THROUGH STATE TO ARRANGE SUCH VISIT.

5. WARNER INTERESTED AND WE CONCUR IN YOUR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUITABLE FUTURE VISIT IN ANY TIME FRAME AFTER LATE JULY, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING ANY APPROPRIATE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL THAT MIGHT MAKE USEFUL BASIS FOR TRIP. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXPLORE WITH ISRAELIS ANY THOUGHTS THEY MAY HAVE ON APPROPRIATE BICENTENNIAL EVENT OR TIME FOR VISIT. ANY GENERAL THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON WARNER VISIT FOR BICENTENNIAL PURPOSES WILL BE WELCOME AND WE WILL PASS ALONG TO ARBA. KISSINGER

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